jects & Development India Ltd. (PDIL), a public sector undertaking, on chargeable basis.

(c) FCI is already implementing Phase-I of revamp of Sindri Unit including captive power plant at a cost of Rs. 16.23 crores. An amount of Rs. 3.3 crores has already been spent. FCI has also sent a proposal to Government for setting up of a new captive power plant at an estimated cost of Rs. 142.64 crores.

Payment of Wages to Workers of IDPL

*596. SHRI RAM DAS AGARWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a news item which appeared in the Financial Express dated 31st July, 1992 captioned "IDPL has no funds to pay wages" for the month of July payable in August, 1992;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that a Committee of Secretaries (COS) which met last year had recommended enhancement guarantees by the Central Government in favour of the IDPL workers to help the company to avail of more cash credit to sustain its current operations; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and what action has been taken on COS's recommendations so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI CHINTA MOHAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Indian Drugs & Pharmaceuticals Limited has, despite severe constraints of working capital, paid the wages and salaries to its workers and employees for July payable in August, 1992.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Government have yet to take a final view on the question of enhanced guarantee.

Manufacture of 6000 H.P. A.C. Locomotives by BHEL

*597. SHRI P. UPENDRA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited is proposing to manufacture 6000 H.P., A.C. locomotives for Indian Railways;

(b) whether the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited has approached the Asea Brown Boveri of Switzerland for technology transfer in this respect; and

(c) if so, when is the Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited likely to commence manufacture of these locomotives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (DEPARTMENT OF HEAVY INDUSTRY AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES) (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) to (c) BHEL had approached a number of foreign manufacturers including ABB in 1987 for obtaining know-how for the manufacture of 6000 HP AC locomotives. However, only M/s Hitachi responded favourably.

BHEL can undertake manufacture of 6000 HP AC locomotives upon receipt of orders from the Indian Railways.

Upgradation of TV Transmitters in Orissa

*598. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTRAY:

SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any memorandum from Govern-

ment of Orissa for upgradation of the T.V. Transmitters at Sambalpur, Rourkela and Balasore and to set up another 32 L. P. Ts. during the 8th Five Year Plan period;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal and decision taken thereon;

(c) whether Government propose to set up an L.P.T. at Paradip Port, for which the authorities of Paradip Port Trust and Paradip Phosphates Limited are agreeable ts provide land and other facilities; and

(d) by when the Bhubaneswar T.V. Studio Complex would start functioning?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTNG (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (d) A memorandum on media units of Government of India in Orissa submitted by the Government of Orissa in September, 1991, inter-alia, included the proposal for upgradation of existing TV transmitters at Sambalpur and Rourkela and also for the establishment of 32 low power T transmitters in the state during VIII Plan period. At present, a low power TV transmitter is unded implementation at Malkangiri, which is one among the 32 locations suggested by the Government of Orissa. In addition, it is also envisaged to upgrade the power of existing transmitters at Sambalpur and Baleshwar to 10 KW power, subject to the availability of adequate resources and inter-se priorities. There is no proposal, at present to upgrade the existing low power TV transmitter at Rourkela. Additional locations for the establishment of TV transmitters under VIII Plan have not been finalised.

There is no proposal, at present, to set up a low power TV transmitter at Paradip.

The TV Studio Centre, Bhubaneshwar is expected to be commissioned into service by March, 1993.

Anti-India propaganda by Pakistan

*599. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:

SHRI MOHINDER SINGH LATHER:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Pakistan has again started a fresh propaganda against India recently;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the steps taken to combat Pak propaganda through our media; and

(d) whether some new powerful TV and AIR stations have been planned for this purpose, if so, the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) to (c) Anti-India propaganda by the electronic media of Pakistan and radio station of the Pakistan-occupied Kashmir has been a regular feature. All India Radio/ Doordarshan are alive to the situation and are constantly endeavouring to counter this propaganda through their programmes in different formats.

(d) All India Radio has converted the trasmitters in the border areas into high power transmitters. New Radio stations have been commissioned at Kathua (J&K), Bhatinda and Patiala (Punjab). Another new radio station is coming up at Poonch (J & K).

As regards Doordarshan, at present four high power TV transmitters one each at Fazilka (Punjab), Jaisalmer and Barmer (Rajasthan) and Bhuj (Gujarat) are at various stages of implementation in order to strengthen TV service in the area bordering Pakistan. It is also envisaged to setup another high power TV transmit-